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1. In the summer of 1954, [REDACTED] shooting exercises [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (See [REDACTED] Sketch, page 2, for location of the bore sighting range at Mlada Airfield.) He saw nine ME-109 aircraft practicing shooting at the target circles from an altitude of 100 m. Troops kept a record of the hits and smoothed the soil. Exercises lasted from 35 to 40 minutes. The 6th Fighter Regiment, which had ME-109's assigned to it, practiced shooting about twice a month; the 2nd and the 7th Fighter Regiments, with MIG-15 aircraft, practiced more than twice a month.

2. Source heard from officers of the 22nd Airfield Battalion that Lt. Col. Vladimir Kucera was in charge of the bore sighting range whenever new B-33 and MIG-15 aircraft arrived from Kbely Military Airfield (N 50-07, E 14-33) for adjustment fire. Source did not know the number of aircraft usually sent and was never present when these aircraft were tested. He had no further information.

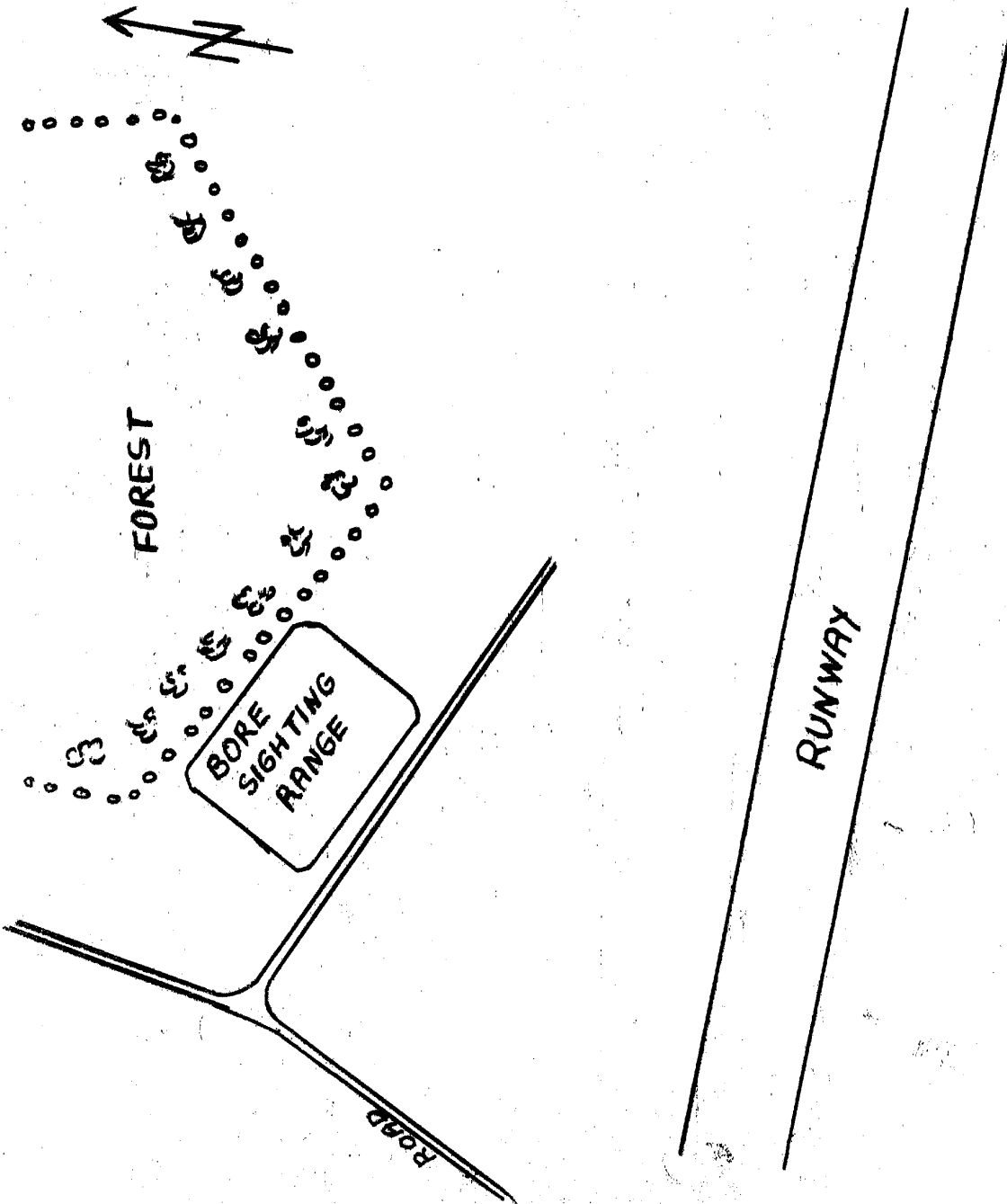
- 25X1A 1. [REDACTED] for detailed layout of Mlada Airfield.

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Memory Sketch Showing Location of Bore Sighting Range at
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Legend: Memory Sketch of Bore Sighting Range at Mlada Airfield

(See page 4.)

1. Parking space for motor vehicles, not enclosed, hard packed surface. Located about 300 m. east of the bore sighting range.
2. Field road, three meters wide, packed surface, fruit trees on one side. This road led to the bore sighting range.
3. Signs posted around the perimeter of the bore sighting range warning tanks and other vehicles not to enter the range. The signs read: Entrance to Bore Sighting Range Prohibited.
4. Concrete bunker, 10-12 m. wide, 3.5-4 m. high, flat roof. Fifteen men could take refuge in this bunker during shooting exercises.
5. Target with circle outline laid out with 15 cm. wide white painted bricks. The circle measured about 25-30 m. in diameter. An outline of a plane inside the circle was also made of white bricks. The ground within the circle outline and airplane outline was smooth and carefully tilled. Troops from the concrete bunker (point 4) examined the target for hits and smoothed the soil. Source reported three or four of these targets inside the bore sighting range. The ground around the targets was sown with grass. The distance between targets was between 50 and 70 m. The entire bore sighting range measured about 1,500 x 500 m. The terrain inside and around the bore sighting range sloped gently to the north. The bore sighting range was not guarded even when exercises took place.
6. Fence, 50 cm. high, wooden poles, one strand of barbed wire; fenced the area on its south side only.

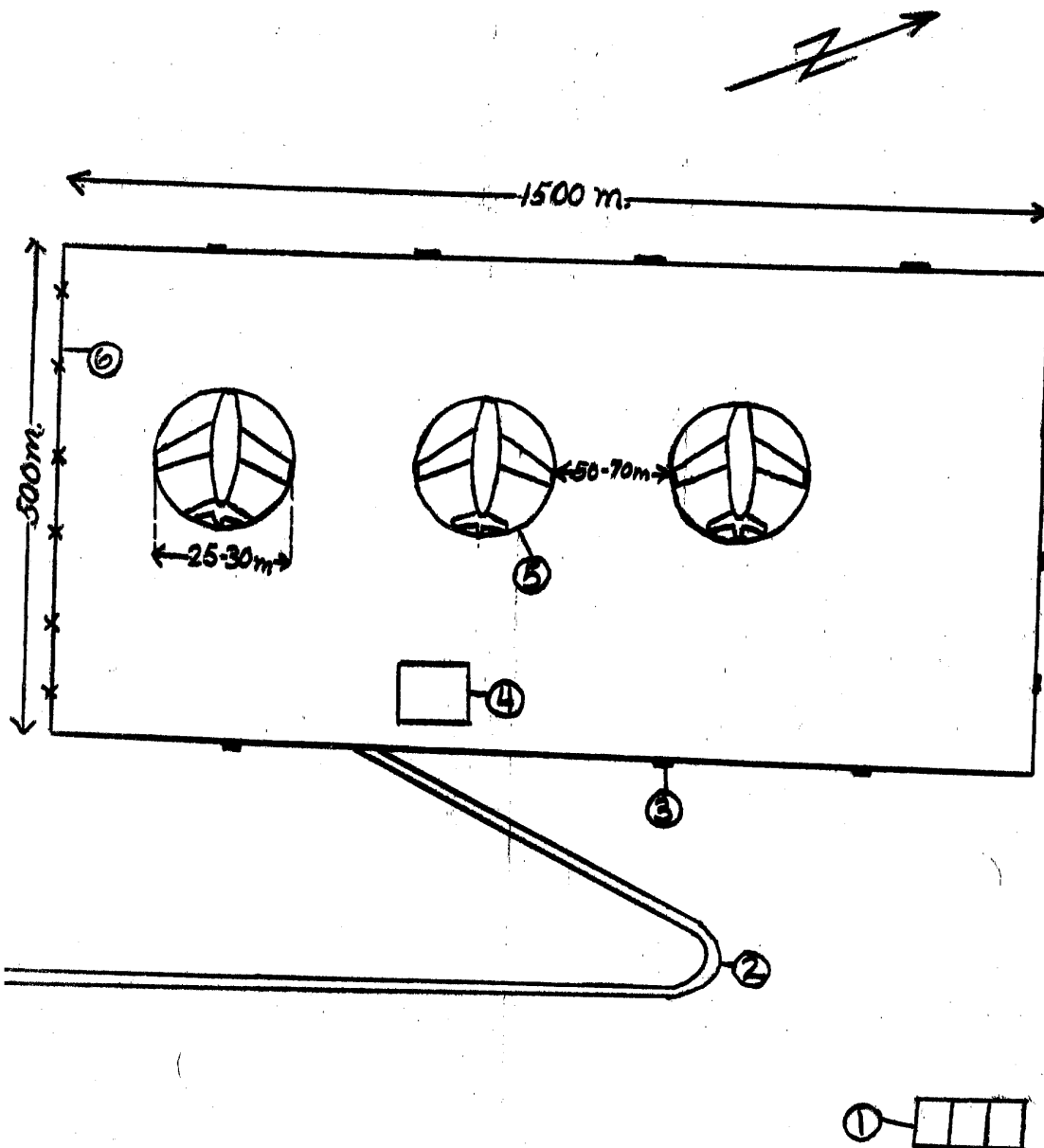
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Memory sketch of Bore Sighting Range at
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